

WELCOMING REVEREND GREG LAFFERTY

The SPEAKER. Without objection, the gentleman from Pennsylvania (Mr. PITTS) is recognized for 1 minute.

There was no objection.

Mr. PITTS. Mr. Speaker, it is an honor today to have Greg Lafferty, senior pastor of my home church, Willowdale Chapel, open us in prayer today.

Greg studied at Wheaton College and Golden Gate Baptist Theological Seminary. He was ordained at Saddleback Church in Mission Viejo, California, where he served as a teaching pastor under Rick Warren.

Under Greg, the church has grown dramatically. In his time as our pastor, he has made our church much more active in our community and engaged around the world. One example is the work with Hope International, touching lives in the Congo through micro-enterprise development. The efforts of the church have been multiplied and improved in many ways under Greg's leadership. He has helped our church show the love of Christ in our community in new ways and around the world.

Greg has been married to his wife, Deane, for 28 years. She joins us in the balcony. They have three children together: Kelsey, Krista, and Ryan.

It is a great honor to have Greg and Deane and have Greg open our Chamber today with the opening prayer.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. WOMACK). The Chair will entertain 15 further requests for 1-minute speeches on each side of the aisle.

JOBS WILL BE DESTROYED

(Mr. WILSON of South Carolina asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Mr. Speaker, today's decision by the Supreme Court is extremely disappointing, undermining limited government and expanded freedom. The decision reveals ObamaCare as a huge tax increase on middle class taxpayers, destroying jobs. We should have health care based on doctor-patient relationships rather than politician-patient relationships.

I agree with the National Federation of Independent Business that 1.6 million jobs are now at risk and small businesses cannot make plans for the future, which destroys more jobs. House Republicans will continue to work to repeal the government health care takeover law. We will remain focused on enacting commonsense legislation that will preserve the doctor-patient relationship, provide every American the access they need to health care, and promote jobs in the private sector.

In conclusion, God bless our troops, and we will never forget September the 11th in the global war on terrorism.

HONOR THE CATHOLIC SISTERS

(Mr. HIGGINS asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. HIGGINS. Mr. Speaker, I recently added my name to a resolution introduced by Representative ROSA DELAURO to honor the Catholic sisters for their contributions to this country and to my community.

I grew up in the shadows of the Mercy Convent of south Buffalo, New York. The sisters came to Buffalo in 1858, started hospitals to heal the sick, schools to teach the ignorant, and to help all of us see the gifts of God's presence in a changing world.

The sisters take a vow of poverty and obedience to serve God and God's people, particularly women and children.

The Vatican says that the sisters are failing to uphold the Catholic doctrine and appointed three bishops to rein them in. The sisters reject the Vatican's assessment of their life work and vow to fight.

In scripture, Jesus says: "Whatever you do to the least of my brothers and sisters, you do for me." The sisters are doing God's work with courage, conviction, and selflessness.

May God's guiding wisdom continue to inspire their good works.

WALTER ZABEL

(Mr. ISSA asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. ISSA. Mr. Speaker, today many will address the House here and later in the day on subjects of great current importance, certainly the upholding of the President's health care initiative and, certainly, in fact, the contempt vote we're going to hear in a few minutes.

But this moment belongs to the people of San Diego. Walter Zabel died this week at 97. Normally, when someone dies at 97, they have long since retired. He, on the other hand, was still the inspiration for Cubic Corporation, a company he founded that did so much for our national defense over his 50-plus years at its helm. We cannot forget he was in the office less than a week ago. He was still providing stewardship, still receiving the technical benefits of his engineers, and still making sure that America was safe.

Today in San Diego is Walter Zabel Day. It is not a day for the other discussions of the House.

POLITICAL SIDESHOW

(Ms. CHU asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Ms. CHU. If you want proof that Congress is dysfunctional, that it is putting partisanship ahead of all else, look no further than today's vote to hold Attorney General Holder in contempt.

In office, Holder has tirelessly pursued justice for all communities. He has helped prevent mortgage fraud, fought gang violence, protected intellectual property rights, and worked to ensure every American has the right to vote. We should let the Attorney General enforce our Nation's laws, not make his job harder.

The contempt vote against Holder is unprecedented, unjustified, and unfounded. Never in the 223-year history of the House have we held an Attorney General in contempt. Yet, today, we will do just that in this ridiculous partisan stunt.

Congress should be creating jobs, not wasting taxpayer money putting on a political sideshow during an election year.

CONGRATULATING EDNA YODER ON HER 101ST BIRTHDAY

(Mr. YODER asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. YODER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to take a special moment to recognize the birthday of a very special American. Today marks the 101st birthday of my grandmother, Edna Yoder.

Born in 1911, my grandmother was raised on a Kansas farm with her many brothers and sisters. Work was hard, and she did her part to raise livestock, grow wheat, and help feed America.

I take great pride in my grandmother and those in her generation. Hard work, determination, a focus on family, and deep religious conviction were the values that she and others upheld as they worked to build the most prosperous Nation the world has ever seen.

Today on her birthday, my grandmother is a vibrant and healthy 101-year-old. She has an infectious laugh, a cheery disposition, and is kind to everyone she meets. Her love of quilting, the "Lawrence Welk Show," and, of course, board games and bingo keep her time occupied and keep her young at heart.

Grandma, you are an inspiration, and we are proud today to congratulate you on the celebration of your 101st birthday.

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KITTINGER FURNITURE

(Ms. HOCHUL asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. HOCHUL. Mr. Speaker, last October, I stood here and spoke out against the new free trade agreements that would have continued to add to the damage done to the manufacturers in